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ZEW2500P

Desktop Version **Wireless 802.11g USB 2.0 Adapter**



User's Manual

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Chapter 1 Introduction

1.1 Welcome

Thank you for purchasing Zonet ZEW2500P-802.11g wireless USB adapter. ZEW2500P connects you with 802.11g networks at up to an incredible 54Mbps! And for added versatility, it can also interoperate with all the up to 11Mbps 802.11b products found in homes, businesses, and public wireless hotspots around the country.

Soft AP supported by ZEW2500P can help you establish wireless LAN networking with lowest cost. Besides, WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup) simplify the security setup and management of Wi-Fi networks. Supports WMM for Multimedia Applications with Quality of Service in Wi-Fi® Networks. Especially supporting PS3, PSP, Nintendo DS and Wii connections with XLink Kai software will be your best choice to enjoy on-line gaming.

1.2 Product Feature

- Complies with IEEE 802.11g and IEEE 802.11b standards
- Provides USB2.0 port
- Provides up to 54Mbps transmission rate and up to 300 meters transmission distance
- Auto-detects and changes the network transmission rate
- Provides two work modes: Infrastructure and Ad-Hoc
- Supports Soft AP to establish your wireless LAN networking
- supports PS3, PSP, Wii and Nintendo DS connecting with Internet and XLink Kai to enjoy on-line gaming
- Supports 64/128-bit WEP, WPA, WPA2 encryption methods and 802.1x security authentication standard
- Supports Wireless Roaming function
- WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup) simplify the security setup and management of Wi-Fi networks.
- Supports WMM for Multimedia Applications with Quality of Service in Wi-Fi® Networks
- Supports Windows 2000 / XP / 2003 / Vista

1.3 Contents of Package

- One ZEW2500P
- One Installation CD w/User Manual
- One Quick Installation Guide
- One USB Cable

Contact your local authorized reseller or the store purchased from for any items damaged and/or missing.

Chapter 2 Installation

NOTE:

1. For future driver upgrading, please visit our website at www.zonetusa.com
2. Snap-shot screens of the following installation procedure are based on Windows XP. Installation procedures will be similar for other windows operating systems.

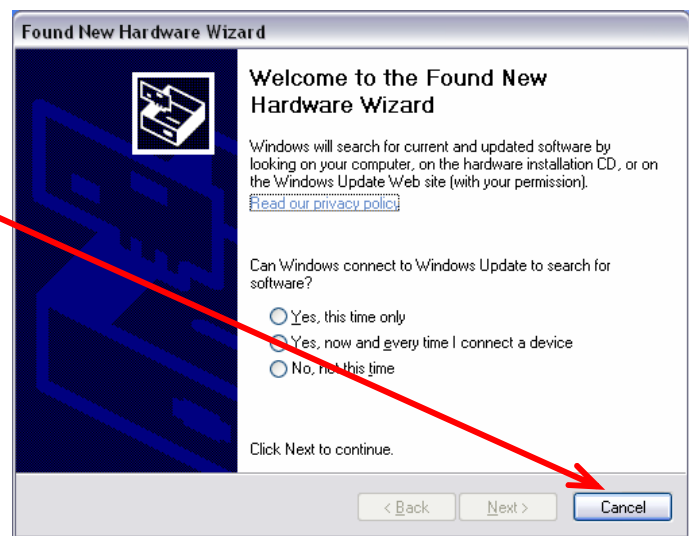
1. Insert ZEW2500P into a USB slot of your computer.



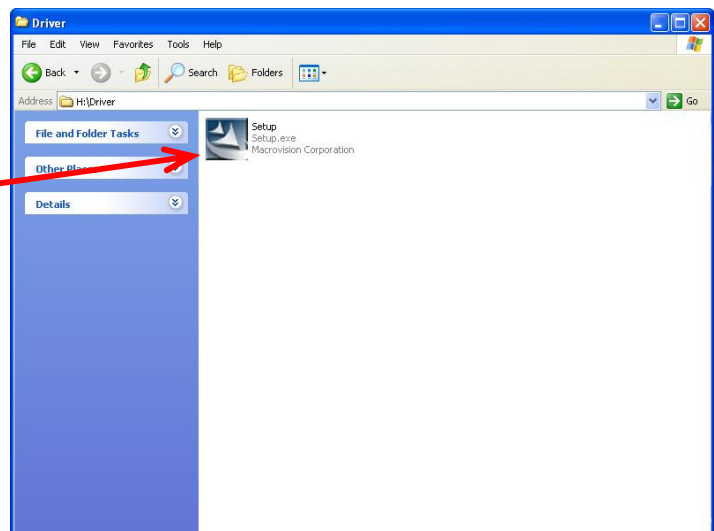
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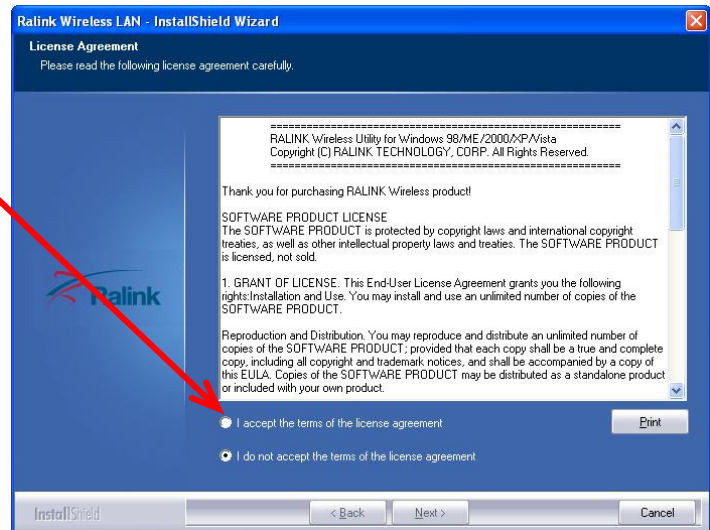
2. Select **Cancel** when **Found New Hardware** window appears.



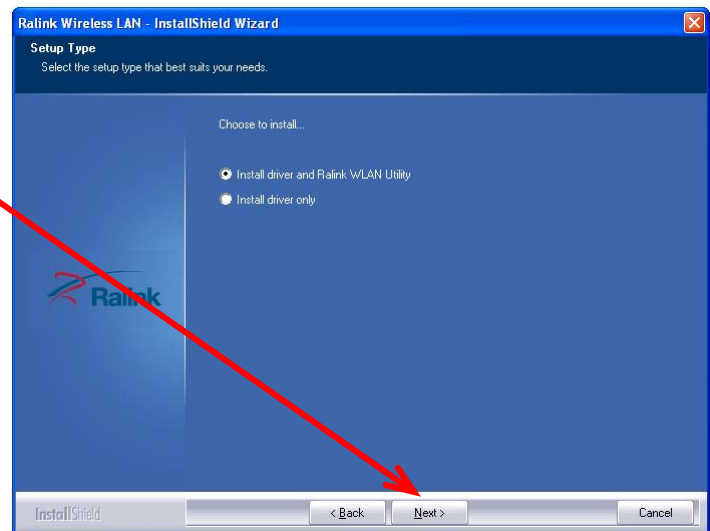
3. Insert Installation CD to your CD-ROM drive. Browse CD and double-click **Setup.exe** in Driver folder to execute it. The wizard will run and install all necessary files to your computer automatically.



4. Click **Next** to accept the Agreement. Or click **Cancel** to cancel the installation.

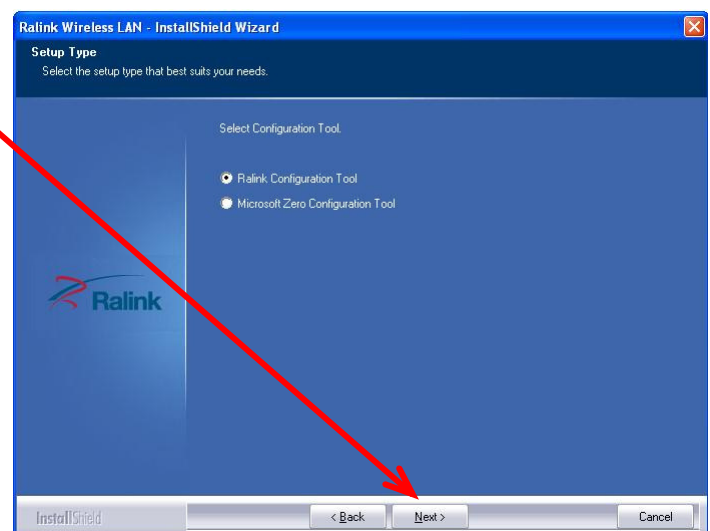


5. Select **Install driver and Ralink WLAN Utility** or **Install driver only** then click **Next**.

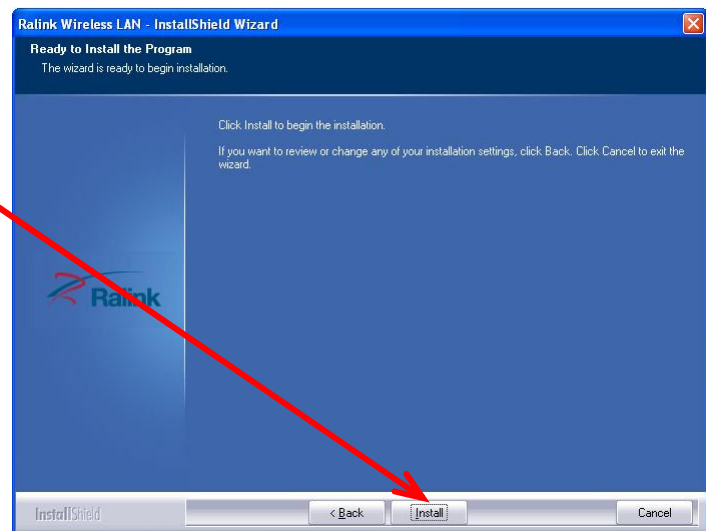


6. Select **Ralink Configuration Tool** or **Microsoft Zero Configuration Tool** then click **Next**.

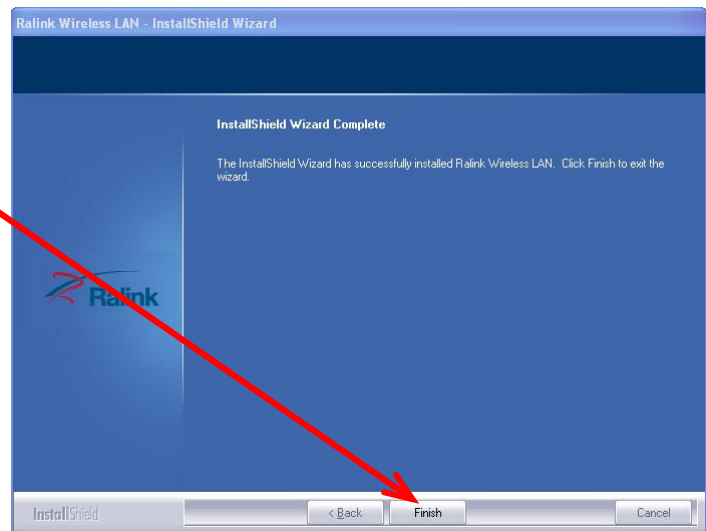
- It's recommended to select **Ralink Configuration Tool**, which provides fully access to all function of ZEW2500P.
- If you prefer to use the wireless configuration tool provided by Windows XP or Vista, please select **Microsoft Zero Configuration Tool**.




7. Click **Install** to start installation. Or click **Cancel** to cancel the installation.



8. Click **Finish** to complete the software installation.



You will see a tray icon  appear in your system tray at the bottom of the screen after the software and hardware installation completed successfully.


Chapter 3 Configuration

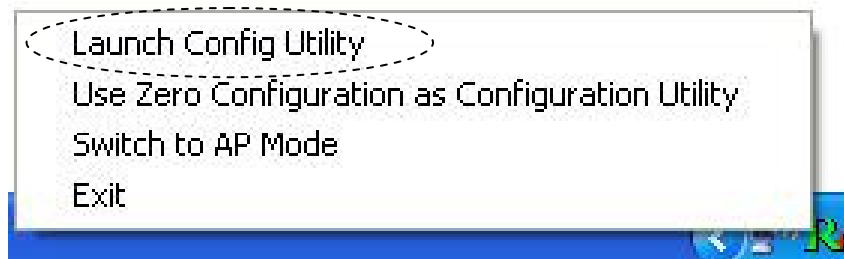
3.1 Station Mode

Station Mode is the default access mode for ZEW2500P.

In this mode, ZEW2500P serves as a client to receive the wireless signals to access the Internet.

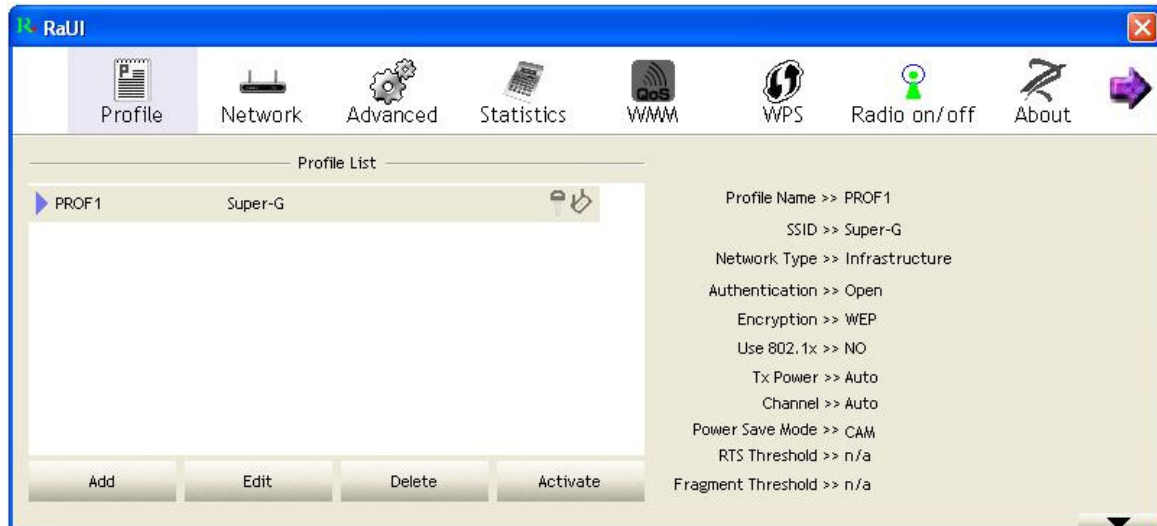


Double-click the tray icon  to launch the configuration utility.
Or right click the tray icon and select **Launch Config Utility**.



3.1.1 Profile

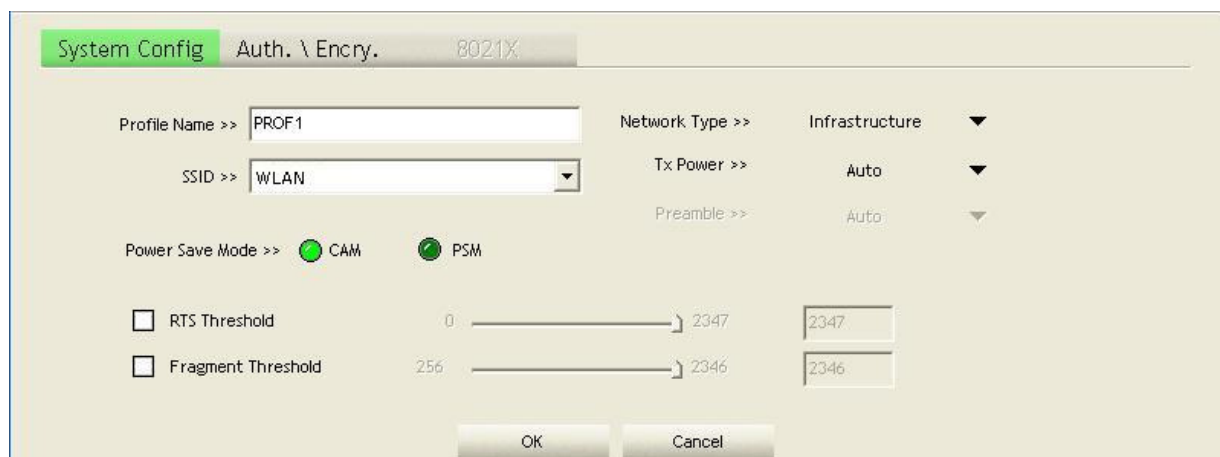
Profile can keep your favorite wireless setting among your home, office, and other public hotspot. You may save multiple profiles and activate the one at your preference.



- **Add:** to create a new profile
- **Edit:** to edit/modify/change parameter of an existing profile
- **Delete:** to delete an existing profile
- **Activate:** to make an existing profile become active and to connect

3.1.1.1 Add/Edit Profile

a. System Configuration



- **Power Save Mode:**
 - CAM** (Constantly Awake Mode) – ZEW2500P will stay power-ON as long as the computer is connected to a power outlet.
 - PSM** (Power Saving Mode) – ZEW2500P will hibernate when the computer is hibernating.

- **Network Type:**
 - a. Infrastructure** – A wireless Router and/or Access Point is required.
 - b. Ad-hoc** – Peer-to-Peer network, no base station required.
- **TX Power:**
Amount of transmit power used by the radio transceiver to send out signal. User can choose different value in the drop down menu
- **Preamble:**
Only available under Ad-hoc mode. Value can be chose from Auto, Long, or Short
- **Threshold:**
Frame size when RTS/CTS handshake performs before attempt to transmit.
 - a. RTS Threshold:** Default value = 2347
 - b. Fragment Threshold:** Default value = 2346

b. Authentication and Encryption

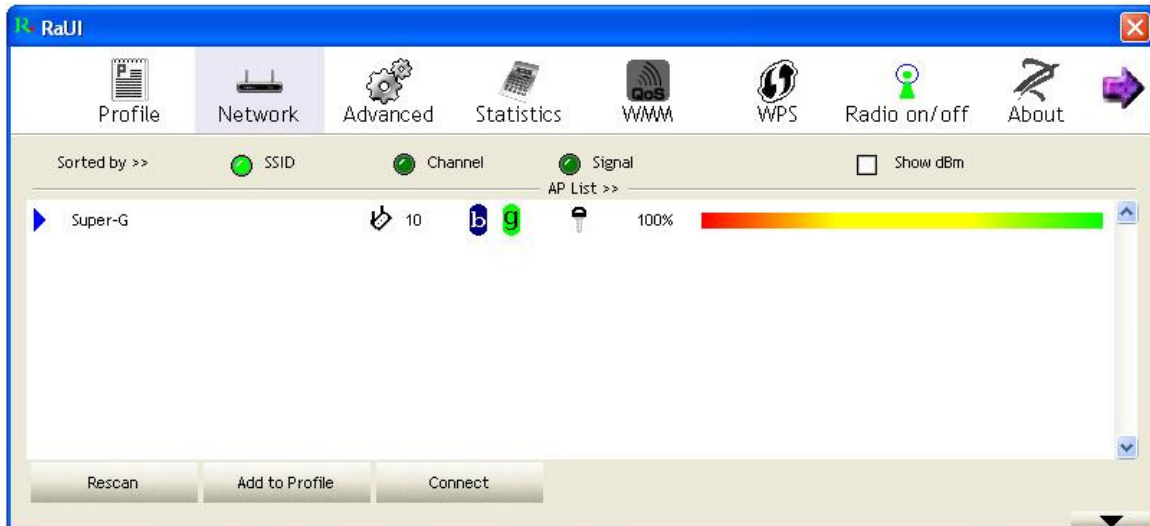
- **Authentication:** Open, Shared, Leap, WPA, WPA-PSK, WPA2 and WPA2-PSK.
- **Encryption:** Algorithm used in BSS or IBSS, WEP, TKIP, AES, and None

c. 802.1X

3.1.2 Network

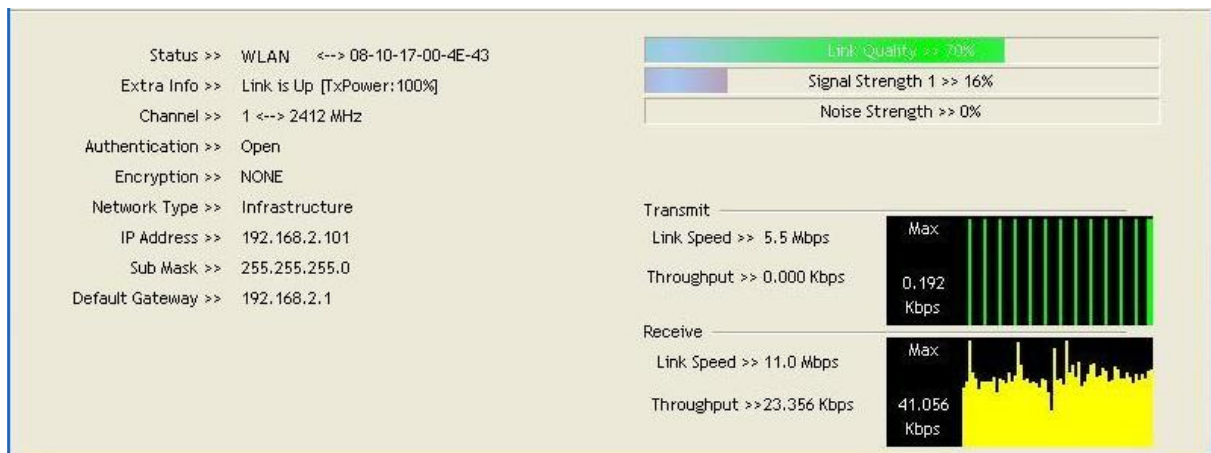
Under Network tab, you will know information of all surrounding wireless networks from the last scan.

Click **Rescan** to update and refresh.



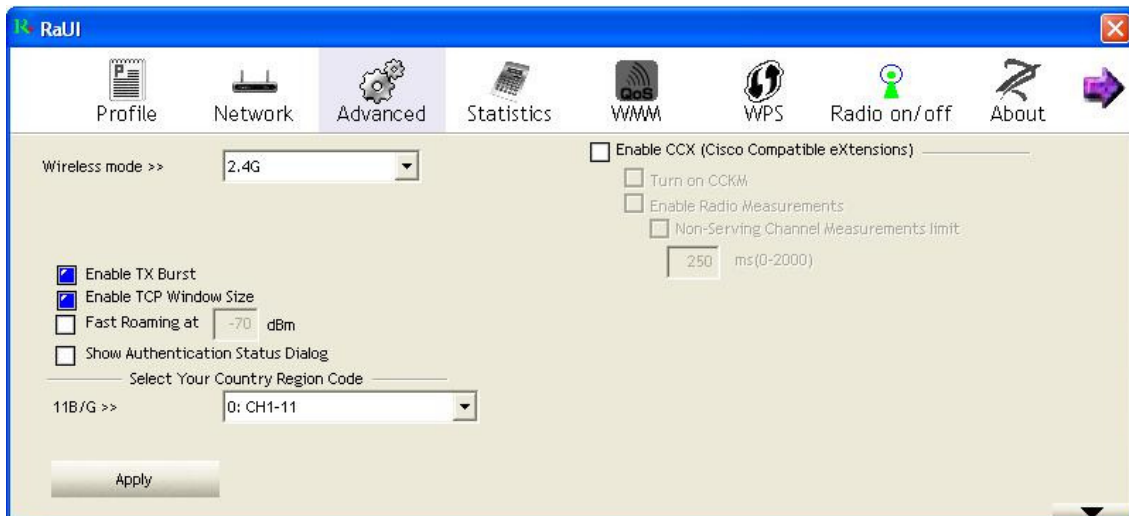
3.1.3 Link Status

Link status page shows detail information about the current connection.



3.1.4 Advanced

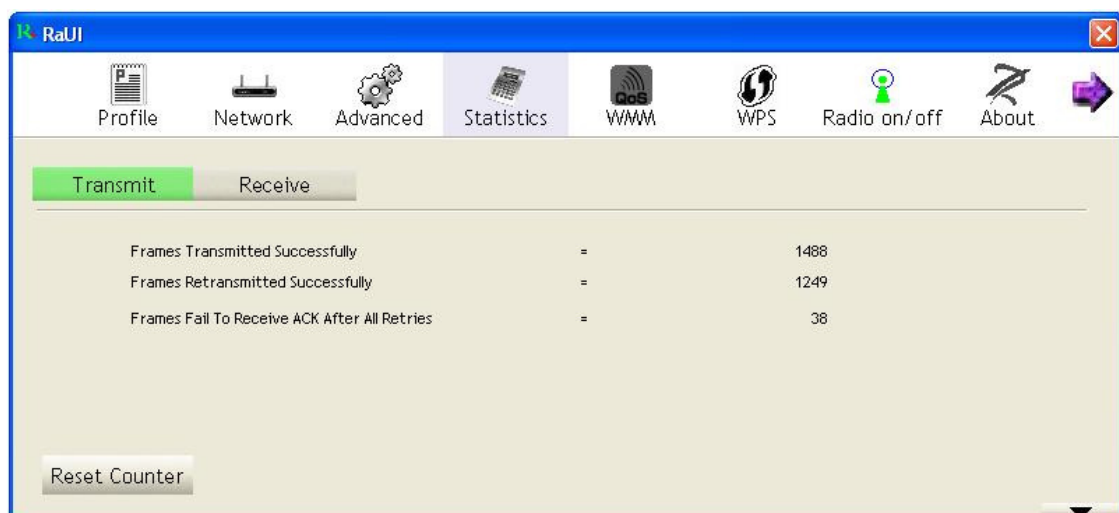
The Advanced tab shows Advance function of UI



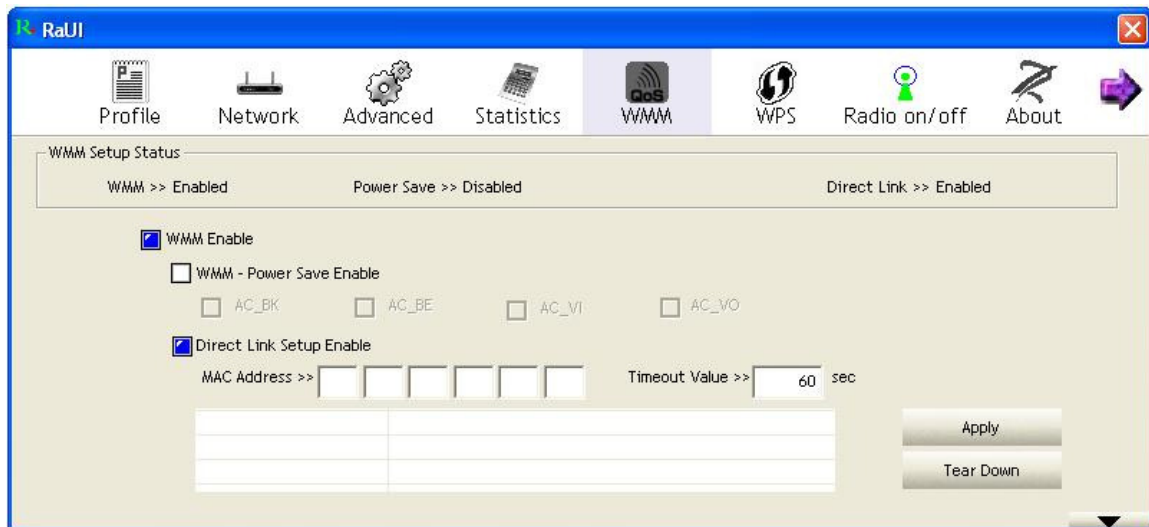
- **Enable Tx Burst:** Ralink's proprietary frame burst mode. Suggest using with an Access Point that has the same technology.
- **Enable TCP Window Size:** Check this box and the configuration utility will adjust TCP window size automatically to get better performance.
- **Fast Roaming at:** Fast to roaming, setup by transmitting power
- **Enable CCX(Cisco Compatible eXtensions):**
 - a. **LEAP – Turn on CCKM**
 - b. **Enable Radio Measurement:** channel measures every 0~2000 milliseconds

3.1.5 Statistics

Statistics tab displays the detail counter information based on 802.11 MIB counters. This page translates that MIB counters into a format easier for user to understand.



3.1.6 WMM

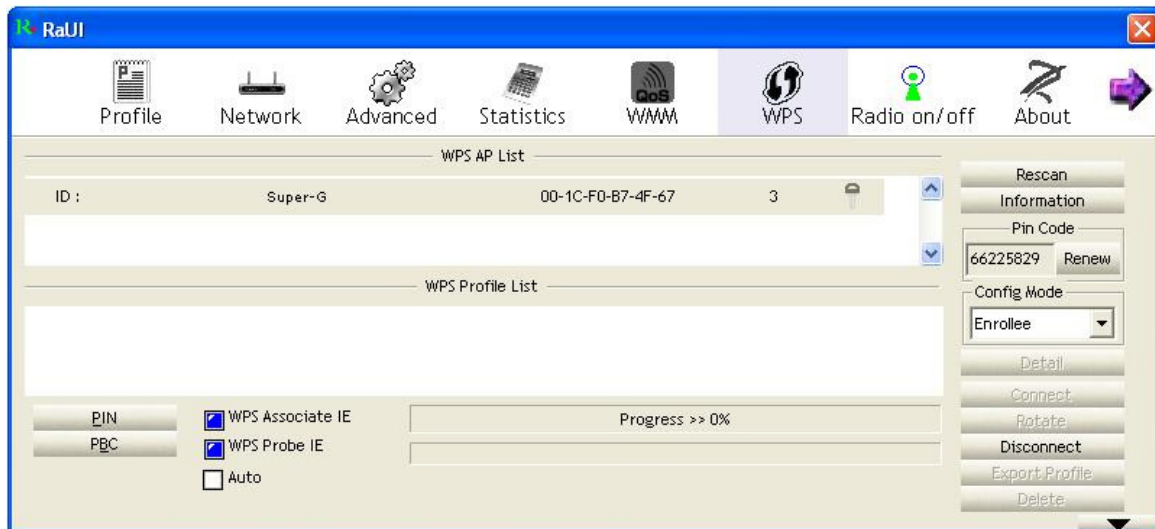


- **WMM Enable:** Enable Wi-Fi Multi-Media
- **WMM - Power Save Enable:** Enable WMM Power Save
- **Direct Link Setup Enable:** Enable DLS (Direct Link Setup). This function will greatly improve the data transfer rate between WMM-enabled wireless devices.
 - a. **MAC Address:** Input the MAC address of another WMM-enabled wireless device you wish to establish a direct link.
 - b. **Timeout Value:** must be between 0~65535 in integer. If the value is zero represents it always connects. Default value of Timeout Value is 60 seconds.
 - c. **Tear Down:** If you want to remove a specific wireless device from DLS table, select the device and click this button to remove it.

3.1.7 WPS

WPS tab supports the configuration setup using PIN configuration method or PBC configuration method.

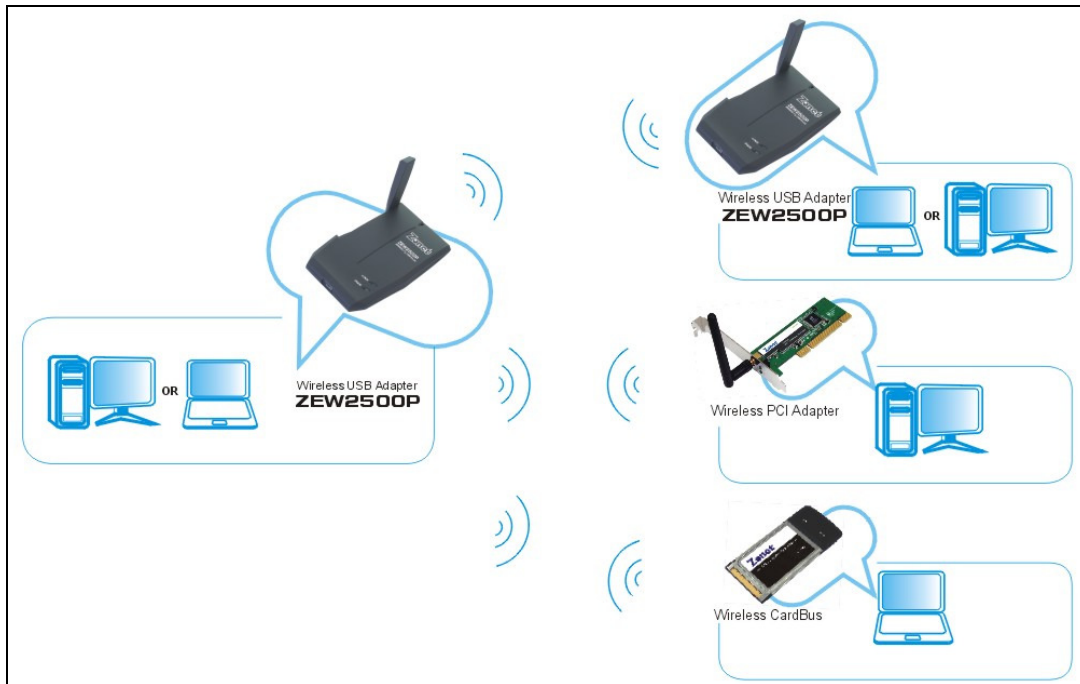
WPS(Wi-Fi Protected Setup) simplify the security setup and management of Wi-Fi networks.



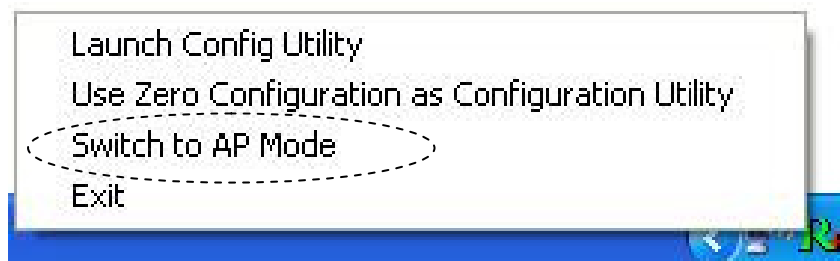
- **PIN:** Enter the Pin code and click **PIN** to automatically connect ZEW2500P with wireless devices around.
- **PBC:** Click **PBC** to complete auto-check and connections between ZEW2500P and other wireless device.
- **Renew:** Click to update the Pin code.
- **Rescan:** Update information on surrounding wireless network.
- **Connect:** click to connect the WPS wireless network.
- **Disconnect:** to disconnect the connected wireless network.

3.2 AP Mode

ZEW2500P also can serve as an access point to transmit wireless signals and create wireless network, allowing other wireless clients to access the network.

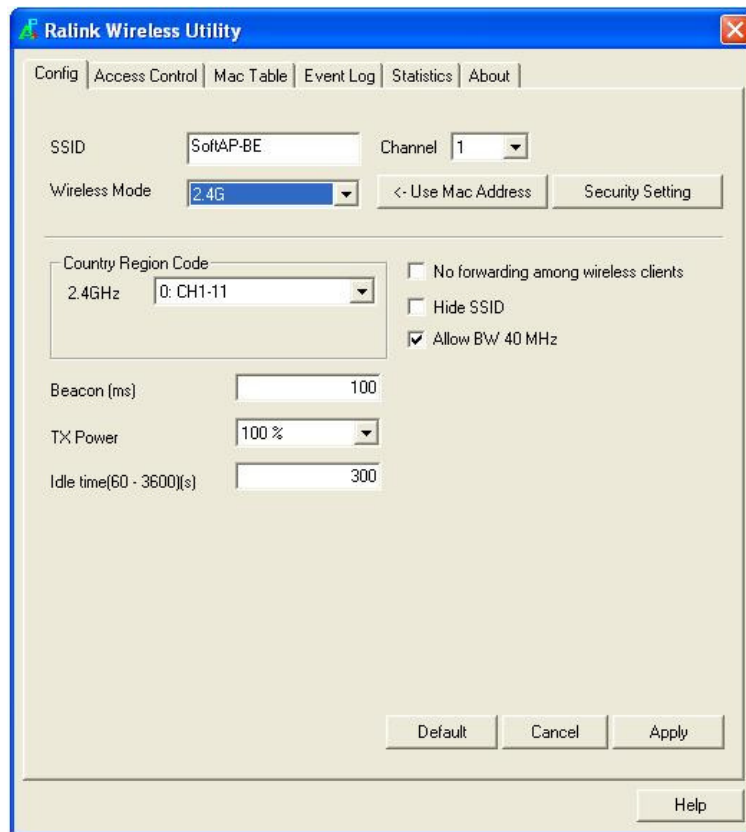


Right-click the tray icon  and select **Switch to AP Mode**.

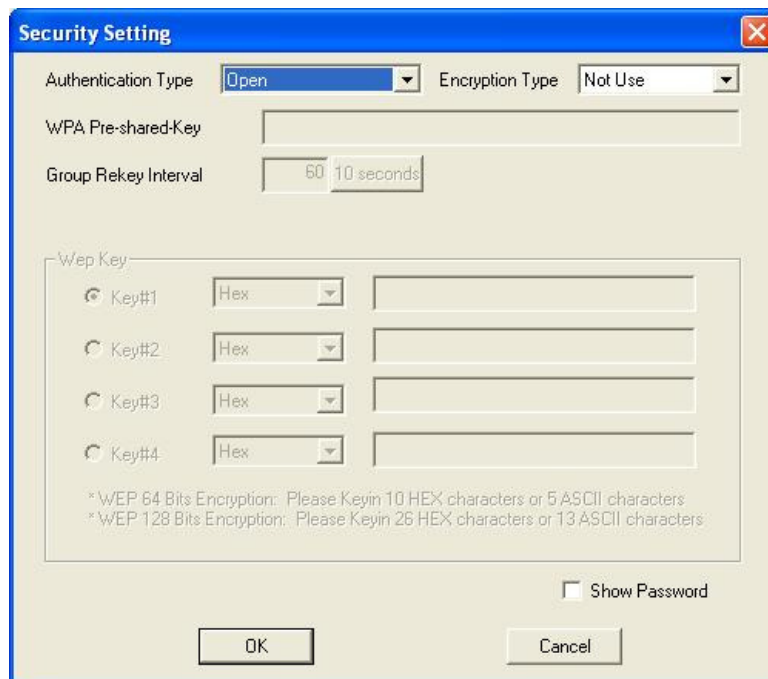


3.2.1 Configuration

In soft AP configuration Utility page, you can make some basic configurations, such as wireless network name, mode, channel and authentication.



Click **Security Setting** button to make different security configurations of wireless communication, and you can choose the authentication type or encryption type.

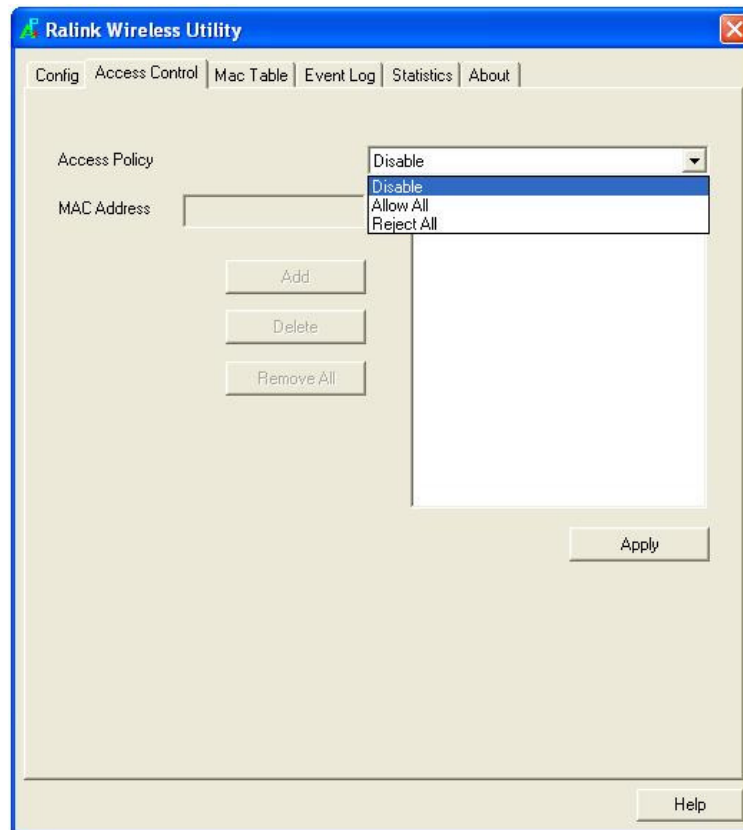


Note:

1. The Hex characters include 0~9 numbers and a~f letters.
2. ASCII characters include any numbers/letters and characters.


3.2.2 Access Control

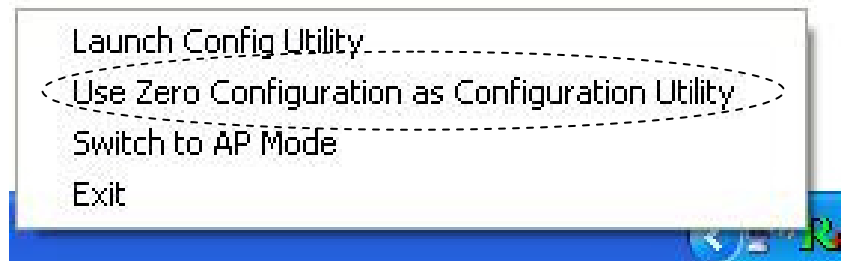
Choose **Access Control** tab to start MAC control. Access control includes **Allow All** and **Reject All**. After editing the MAC address access list, only the MAC in the Allow All list could access the Soft AP.




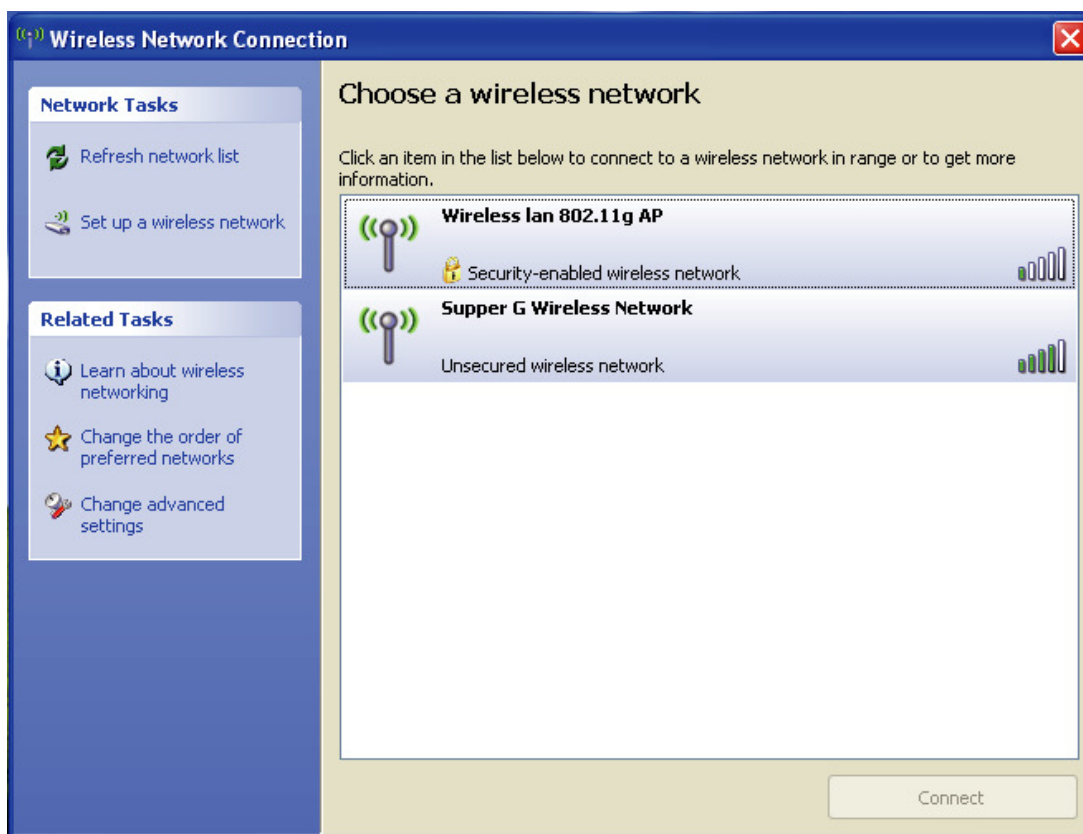
3.3 Use Zero Configuration

Windows XP and Vista has a built-in wireless network configuration utility "Windows Zero Configuration" (WZC). It is a built in service to configure your wireless clients from Windows

1. Start using WZC, right click the tray icon  and select **Use Zero Configuration as Configuration utility**.

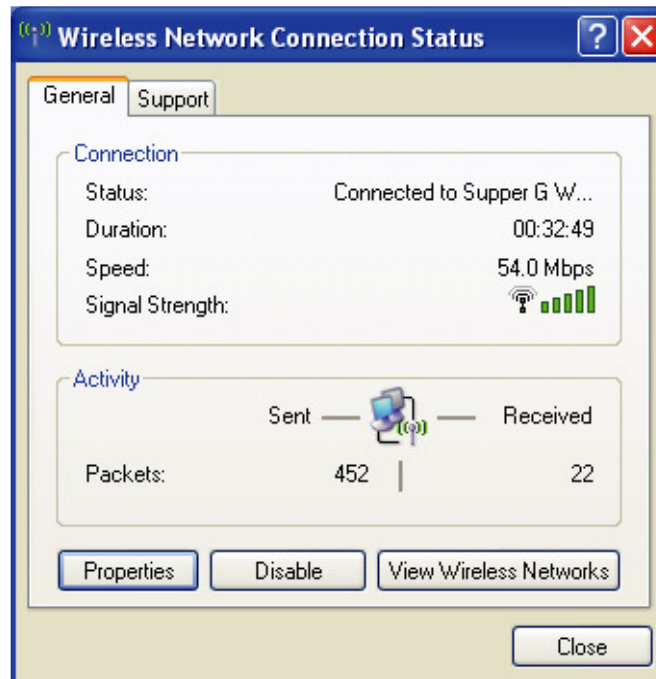



2. The windows wireless network connection will appear. Double click the wireless network icon  on the system tray to check the wireless network, choose the network and click **Connect** to setup the association.

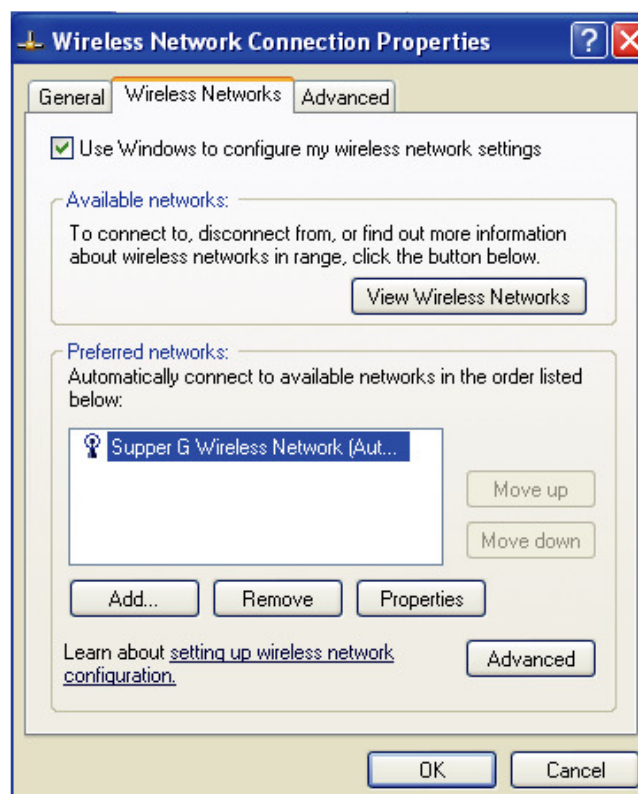


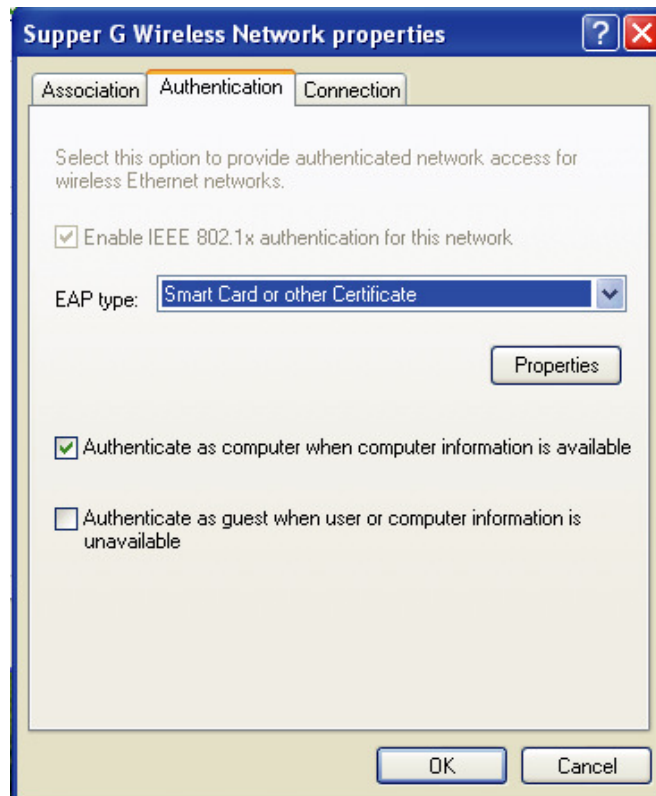
3. If your wireless router has been encrypted, there will be a window appeared for input the key. Please input the key and click **Connect**, then the connection connect.

4. To configure the wireless connect properties, please right click the wireless icon in the system tray and choose **Status** to open the page **Wireless Network Connection Status**.

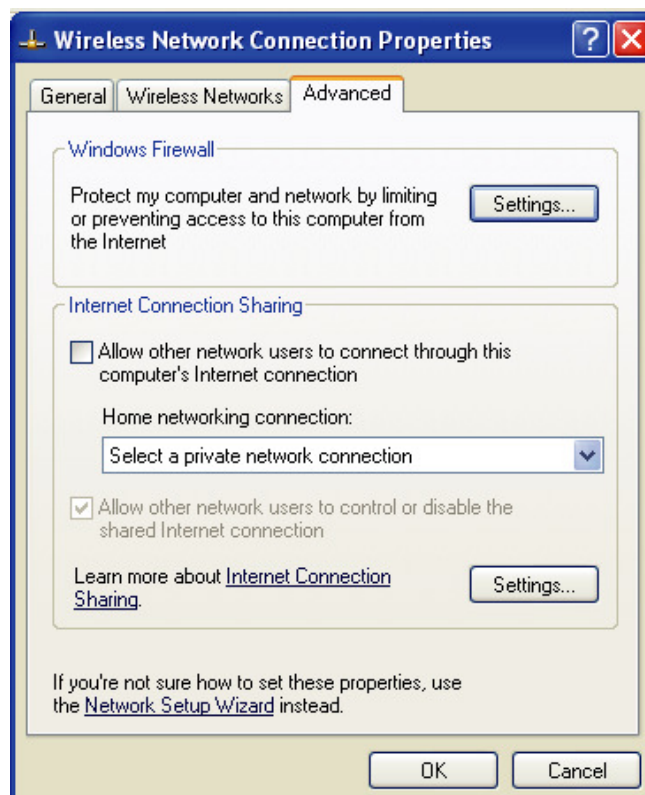


5. Click **Properties** button in **General** page and choose the tab **Wireless Networks** to add the **SSID** of available network by clicking **Add**, if there are several available networks, linking priority could be configured by the button **Move up** and **Move down**. The icon  shows the current linked AP. Click **Properties** to configure authentication of wireless connection.





6. **Advanced** page configures firewall and connection sharing.



Chapter 4 How to connect with PSP

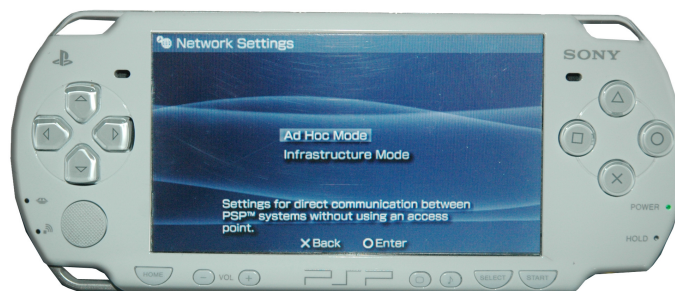


4.1 Configure PSP with Ad-Hoc mode

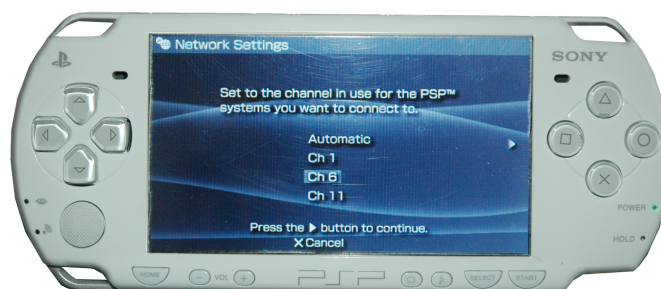
1. Select Network Settings on PSP



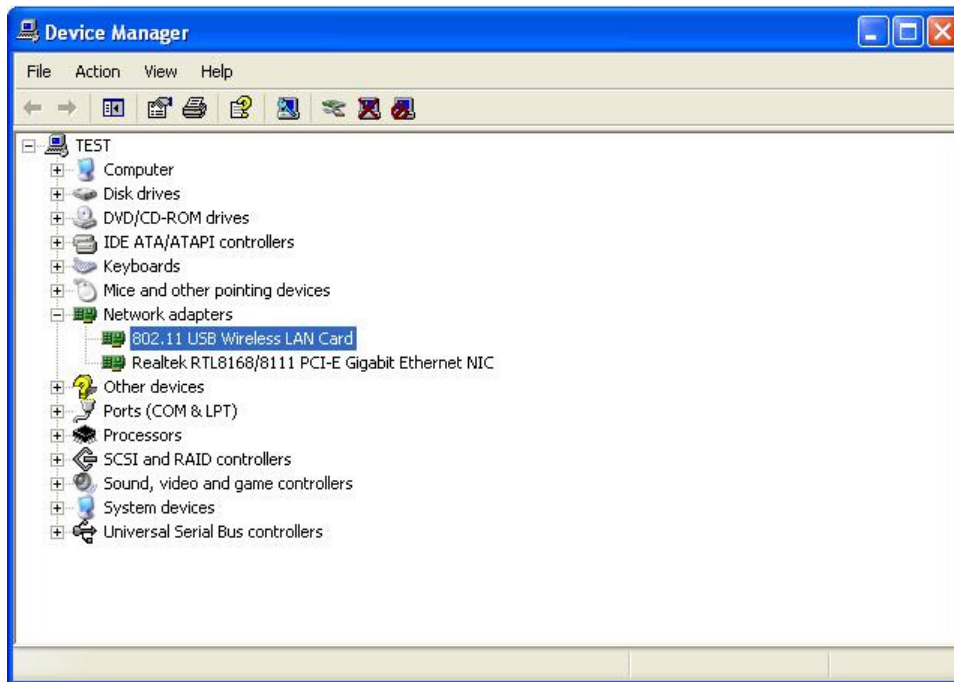
2. Select Ad-Hoc mode on PSP



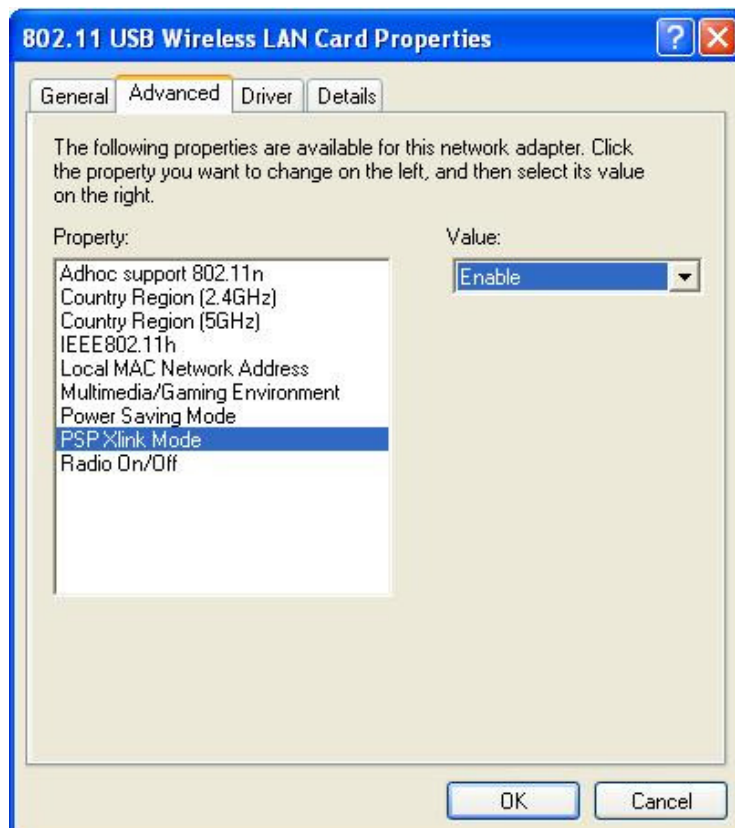
3. Select Channel on PSP



4. Select **Start** → **Control Panel** → double-click **System** icon → select **Hardware** tab → click **Device Manager** button → select **ZEW2500P (802.11 USB Wireless LAN Card)** list in Network adapters



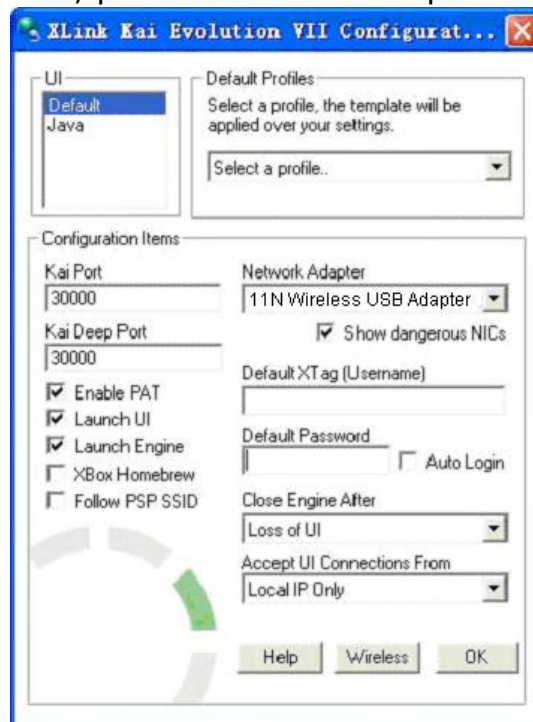
5. Double-click **802.11 USB Wireless LAN Card** to configure properties → select **Advanced** tab → select **PSP XLink Mode** list in Property and choose **Enable** from Value drop-down menu.



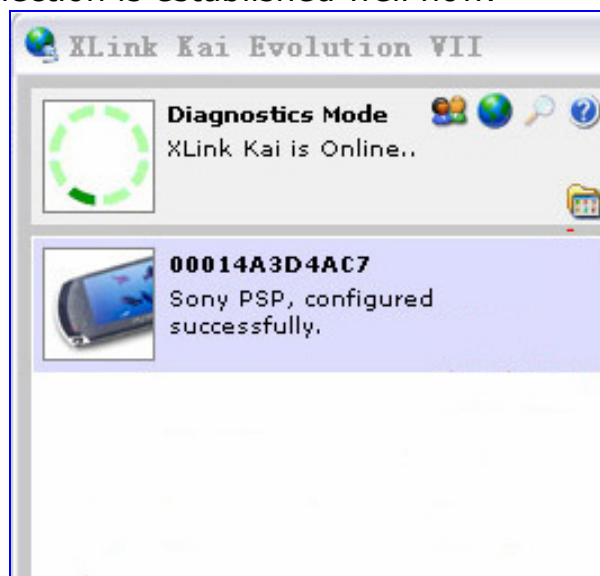
4.2 Configure XLink Kai

XLink Kai is a global gaming network - bringing together Xbox, Playstation, Gamecube and PSP users, in one integrated community. It is software running on your PC or Macintosh that allows you to play system-link enabled games online for free.

Select **Start** → **All programs** → **XLink Kai Evolution VII** → **Start Kai Config** to configure the user name, password and other parameters.



Login XLink Kai: Select **Start** → **All programs** → **XLink Kai Evolution VII** → **Start Kai**. PSP will connect with XLink Kai automatically. The following window will indicate the connection is established well now.



Chapter 5 Product Specifications

Standard	IEEE 802.11b, IEEE 802.11g
Frequency Band	2.4GHz ~ 2.4835GHz
Spread Spectrum	DSSS, OFDM
Modulation Method	BPSK, QPSK, CCK, QAM and OFDM
Data Rate	11g: 54/48/36/24/18/12/9/6Mbps 11b: 11/5.5/2/1Mbps
Transmit Output Power	54Mbps : -72dBm 11Mbps : -88dBm
RF Power	11g: 14dbm 11b: 18dbm
Channels	11 Channels (USA, Canada) 13 Channels (Europe) 14 Channels (Japan)
Transmit distance	Indoors : up to 100 meters Outdoors : up to 300 meters
Roaming	Support multipoint auto roaming and configuration Support wireless network environments auto detect
	Printed antenna
Media Access Protocol	WMM
Security	WPA/WPA2; 64/128-bit WEP; TKIP/AES
I/O Interface	USB 2.0
LED Indicators	Link / Power
Operating System	Windows 2000 / XP / 2003 / Vista
Operating Temp.	0 °C ~ 40 °C
Storage Temp.	-20 °C ~ 70 °C
Humidity	10% ~ 90% (non-condensing)
Dimension(L x W x H)	64.8mm x 95.4mm x 12.6mm
Weight	42g
Cable Length	1m

Chapter 6. Troubleshooting

This chapter provides solutions to problems that may occur during the installation and operation of ZEW2500P. Read the descriptions below to solve your problems.

1. The ZEW2500P does not work properly.

Reinsert ZEW2500P into your PC's USB slot.

Right click on My Computer and select Properties. Select the device manager and click on the Network Adapter. You will find ZEW2500P if it is installed successfully. If you see the yellow exclamation mark, the resources are conflicting. You will see the status of ZEW2500P. If there is a yellow question mark, please check the following:

Make sure that your PC has a free IRQ (Interrupt ReQuest, a hardware interrupt on a PC.)

Make sure that you have inserted the right adapter and installed the proper driver. If ZEW2500P does not function after attempting the above steps, remove it and do the following:

Uninstall the driver software from your PC.

Restart your PC and repeat the hardware and software installation as specified in this User Guide.

2. I cannot communicate with the other computers linked via Ethernet in the Infrastructure configuration.

Make sure that the PC to which ZEW2500P is associated is powered on.

Make sure that ZEW2500P is configured on the same channel and with the same security options as with the other computers in the Infrastructure configuration.

3. What should I do when the computer with ZEW2500P installed is unable to connect to the wireless network and/or the Internet?

Check that the LED indicators for the broadband modem are indicating normal activity. If not, there may be a problem with the broadband connection.

Check that the LED indicators on the wireless router are functioning properly. If not, check that the AC power and Ethernet cables are firmly connected.

Check that the IP address, subnet mask, gateway, and DNS settings are correctly entered for the network.

In Infrastructure mode, make sure the same Service Set Identifier (SSID) is specified on the settings for the wireless clients and access points.

In Ad-Hoc mode, both wireless clients will need to have the same SSID. Please note that it might be necessary to set up one client to establish a BSS (Basic Service Set) and wait briefly before setting up other clients. This prevents several clients from trying to establish a BSS at the same time, which can result in multiple singular BSSs being established, rather than a single BSS with multiple clients associated to it.

Check that the Network Connection for the wireless client is configured properly. If Security is enabled, make sure that the correct encryption keys are entered on both ZEW2500P and the access point.

4. I can't find any wireless access point / wireless device in *Network* tab.

- Click *Rescan* for few more times and see if you can find any wireless access point or wireless device.
- Please move closer to any known wireless access point.
- *Ad-hoc* function must be enabled for the wireless device you wish to establish a direct wireless link.
- Please adjust the position of ZEW2500P (you may have to move your computer if you're using a notebook computer) and click *Rescan* button for few more times. If you can find the wireless access point or wireless device you want to connect by doing this, try to move closer to the place where the wireless access point or wireless device is located.

5. Nothing happens when I click *Launch config utilities*

- Please make sure ZEW2500P is inserted into your computer's USB port. If the Ralink configuration utility's icon is black, ZEW2500P is not detected by your computer.
- Reboot the computer and try again.
- Remove ZEW2500P and insert it into another USB port.
- Remove the driver and re-install.

6. I can not establish connection with a certain wireless access point

- Click *Connect* for few more times.
- If the SSID of access point you wish to connect is hidden (nothing displayed in *SSID* field in *Network* tab), you have to input correct SSID of the access point you wish to connect.
- You have to input correct passphrase / security key to connect an access point with encryption.
- The access point you wish to connect only allows network cards with specific MAC address to establish connection. Please go to *About* tab and write the value of *Phy_Address* down, then present this value to the owner of access point to add the MAC address of your ZEW2500P to owner's access point's list.

7. The network is slow / having problem when transferring large files

- Move closer to the place where access point is located.
- Enable *Wireless Protection* in *Advanced* tab.
- Try a lower TX Rate in *Advanced* tab.
- Disable *Tx Burst* in *Advanced* tab.
- Enable *WMM* in *WMM* tab if you need to use multimedia / telephony related applications.
- Disable *WMM – Power Save Enable* in *WMM* tab.
- There could be too much people using the same radio channel. Ask the owner of the access point to change the channel number.